

Arabsat deal signed

BAHRAIN, Dec. 2 (R) — The European space agency signed a \$23 million agreement in Riyadh today to launch the first Arab telecommunications satellite, Arabsat.

The satellite will be launched in early 1984 from the agency's Kourou space centre in French Guiana. Dr. Ali Al Mashat, director-general of the 22 member-state Arab Satellite Communications Organisation, said after signing the contract.

The multi-purpose satellite will provide the Arab World with more than 10,000 telephone circuits and one television channel.

Negotiations for a second Arab satellite to be launched by the U.S. space shuttle in mid-1984 are in their final stages. Dr. Al Mashat told Reuters by telephone from Riyadh.

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Yemeni presidents meet

ADEN, Dec. 2 (R) — The presidents of North and South Yemen resumed talks today on the implementation of a merger accord signed between the two Arab countries more than two years ago, officials said.

This was the third meeting between President Ali Nasser Mohammad of South Yemen and President Ali Abdullah Saleh of North Yemen since the latter arrived in Aden today. But few details of their talks have emerged.

The accord was reached in early 1979 after a brief border war and was the second such agreement in seven years.

The officials said the two leaders had discussed ways of increasing coordination and "taking more steps on the path to the reunification of the two parts of Yemen." They did not elaborate.

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France, Algeria reach agreement

PARIS, Dec. 2 (A.P.) — After more than a year of negotiations, France and Algeria have reached tentative agreement on the price Algeria will charge for its liquefied natural gas, the French government announced today.

Pierre Berégovoy, President Francois Mitterrand's chief of staff, said the accord was reached between Mitterrand and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid. Mitterrand ended a two-day official state visit to Algeria last night after holding an unscheduled meeting with Benjedid to discuss the natural gas situation. The accord was seen as a major success of Mitterrand's visit, which was only the second time a French president had visited Algeria since it won its independence in 1962 after an eight-year bitter war with France.

Kittani, Israeli clash at U.N.

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 2 (R) — Israel's chief delegate and the Iraqi president of the United Nations General Assembly clashed today as the world body began a debate on the Palestine issue.

The Israeli diplomat, Yebuda Blum, criticised Ismat Kittani of Iraq for attending a recent Arab summit in Morocco, and said he should not preside over the U.N. debate.

"This is totally unacceptable," he said. "It can only mean that in the president's view his national origin takes precedent over his duties as president."

Mr. Kittani rejected the criticism, saying: "The representative of Israel is the last delegate in this hall to give me advice or to challenge my behaviour outside this hall."

Mr. Blum was using a cheap, transparent diversionary tactic to attract the attention of the media, which were willing and anxious to abuse the U.N., he said.

But the debate went ahead, with Mr. Kittani in the chair.

Heavy fighting reported in Gulf

BEIRUT, Dec. 2 (R) — Iraq said tonight its forces had killed 2,400 Iranians in four days of heavy fighting in the Susangerd area of southern Iran. A military communique quoted by the official Iraqi news agency said Iraqi planes shot down three Iranian Phantom jets today over Ahwaz, provincial capital of Khuzestan. Other Iraqi planes attacked the Ahwaz airport and important military targets, inflicting direct hits. The communique said 104 Iranian tanks were destroyed in the battles, and many Iranians had been wounded and captured. Iraqi losses were given as 81 men and 17 tanks.

Warsaw pact raps West

VIENNA, Dec. 2 (R) — Warsaw Pact foreign ministers meeting in Bucharest have condemned Western plans to deploy new medium-range missiles in Europe as the biggest threat to world peace. Czechoslovak Foreign Minister Bohuslav Choupek said today.

Haig's tour

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (A.P.) — U.S. secretary of State Haig will leave next Tuesday on a 10-day trip to seven nations, beginning with a meeting of the NATO countries in Brussels. Haig also will visit Israel, Turkey, Pakistan, India, Egypt and Morocco, in that order, before returning to Washington on Dec. 19.

China needs time

PEKING, Dec. 2 (R) — Parliament was told more time needed to revise China's constitution because the country is undergoing structural reform and major problems have to be tackled.

American envoy adds Jordan to tour

Habib-Assad meeting described as friendly

DAMASCUS, Dec. 2 (A.P.) — Philip Habib, U.S. President Ronald Reagan's Middle East envoy, talked with President Hafez Assad today about efforts to bring peace to Lebanon, while huge crowds jammed the streets to protest a massive car-bombing which killed nearly 100 persons on Sunday.

Habib's two-hour, 10-minute session with Mr. Assad was "warm and friendly," a U.S. embassy spokesman said.

The spokesman, who declined use of his name, said Mr. Habib would fly to Saudi Arabia tomorrow and would add Jordan to his itinerary. No date was given for the Jordan stop.

A presidential spokesman said Assad and Habib talked "about the situation in Lebanon, and about the efforts aimed at establishing a national reconciliation in Lebanon." He gave no other details.

Habib began his current Mideast shuttle in Lebanon Sunday and talked with government and political leaders before heading to Damascus yesterday. He is also expected to visit Israel.

During his mid-afternoon session with Assad at the Mohajereen Palace, hundreds of irate Syrians demonstrated in the streets of the capital, denouncing the bombing which the Syrian leader has blamed on the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood.

Speakers at the demonstration condemned the "fundamentalist organisation as an 'agent of Israel'" while the interior ministry announced that the driver of the booby-trapped car had been recruited by the Brotherhood four years ago.

Syria's state-controlled news media condemned the bombing with suggestions that it was timed to coincide with Habib's visit. Yesterday, Al Baath, the newspaper of Assad's ruling Socialist Baath Party said "the American demands from their agents (the

Muslim Brotherhood) consisted of exerting new pressures on Syria, especially putting the country in a state of shock."

When Habib met Assad, he handed him a letter from President Reagan expressing "deep regret" over the bombing, an American diplomatic source said. "Such wanton taking of innocent lives cannot be justified for any reason. I express our abhorrence of acts of terrorism anywhere," according to the letter.

Upon Habib's arrival in Damascus yesterday, he talked with Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam. A foreign ministry official, who declined use of his name, said Khaddam informed Habib that the United States had forfeited its right to act as a mediator for Middle East peace because of its strategic defence agreement with Israel.

Reagan first dispatched Habib to the Mideast in late April to try to head off a military confrontation between Syria and Israel over Syria's deployment of sophisticated anti-aircraft missiles in eastern Lebanon's Bekaa Valley. Syria moved in the Soviet-made SAM-6 missiles one day after Israeli jets shot down two Syrian helicopters over the Lebanese town of Zahle where Christian militiamen were locked in artillery duels with Syrians from the Arab peacekeeping force.

Syrian troops have been stationed in Lebanon for five years under Arab League mandate to police the shaky ceasefire which followed the 1975-76 Lebanese civil war.

Syria refuses to remove the missiles, saying they are needed for defensive purposes. Israel, whose planes continue to roam Lebanese skies on reconnaissance missions, has periodically threatened to use force to remove the missiles if diplomatic efforts fail.

Habib, currently on his fourth Middle East shuttle, and Arab diplomatic efforts have managed to cool down the crisis, but the missiles remain.

Haig voices optimism over force for Sinai

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (Agencies) — Secretary of State Haig says he anticipates a joint U.S.-Israeli statement soon that will pave the way for European participation in the multinational peacekeeping force in the Sinai after Israel's final withdrawal next April.

Mr. Haig spoke with reporters after meeting with Israeli Defence Minister Ariel Sharon at the State Department yesterday.

Mr. Haig said he was "cautiously optimistic" that the United States and Israel "will arrive at a very satisfactory arrangement for the participation of our European partners in the Sinai peacekeeping force."

Secretary Haig characterised his talk with Gen. Sharon as "very helpful and constructive" and said the discussions had involved a number of bilateral issues, the peace process and regional security in the Middle East and beyond.

Gen. Sharon and U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger signed a formal U.S.-Israeli memorandum of understanding November 30 that recognises

Begin wins Knesset vote

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Dec. 2 (Agencies) — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin's coalition defeated four parliamentary motions of no-confidence this evening, introduced by opposition parties to protest the new U.S.-Israeli strategic alliance.

With eight members of the 120-member Knesset (parliament) absent, Begin's coalition defeated the measures by a 57-53 vote. There were two abstentions.

Begin, hospitalised with a broken hip joint, did not participate in the vote. But four of his ministers, including Defence Minister Ariel Sharon, were flown home from abroad for the vote.

Badran reports on summit

AMMAN, Dec. 2 (Petra) — Prime Minister Mudar Badran today briefed the cabinet in detail on the 12th Arab summit meeting in Fez which was held briefly on Nov. 25. He also reported on the talks held by His Majesty King Hussein with a number of Arab leaders during their stay in Fez. The talks, he said, centred on future joint Arab action and ways for bolstering Arab solidarity.

Qasem receives Soviet envoy

AMMAN, Dec. 2 (Petra) — Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem conferred in his office today with the visiting Soviet roving Ambassador Mikhail Sytenko. They reviewed cordial relations between Jordan and the Soviet Union and exchanged views on the Middle East question. Mr. Qasem explained Jordan's stand vis-a-vis the achievement of a just peace in the region based on a total Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories and the return of Arab Jerusalem to Arab sovereignty. He also stressed the right of the Palestinian people to determine their future on their soil.

The meeting was attended by the Soviet Ambassador to Jordan Rafeek Nishanov.

ILO delegation briefed on situation in occupied lands

AMMAN, Dec. 2 (J.T.) — A delegation from the International Labour Organisation (ILO) was today presented with a detailed and comprehensive report on Israel's arbitrary measures against Arab workers in the occupied Arab territories and on the effect of Israeli settlements on these workers. The Under-Secretary of the Labour Ministry Tayseer Abdul Jaber said today.

Dr. Abdul Jaber was speaking at the end of a meeting at the Labour Ministry with the members of the delegation led by ILO's Equal Rights Department Director Claude Roseller.

The ILO delegation was also briefed on Israel's settlements established since 1967 and its confiscation of Arab land, Arab water sources and its pressure and harassment of Arab workers and violation of their basic rights. Dr. Abdul Jaber added.

The report exposes Israel's policies aimed at linking Arab economy with that of Israel and the imposition of heavy taxes on Arab institutions in a drive to discourage Arab investors.

According to Dr. Abdul Jaber, Labour Minister Jawad Al Anani pointed to the delegation the adverse effects on the region that would result from Israel's project of linking the Mediterranean with the Dead Sea and its dangers to Jordanian projects in the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea. Such a project would no doubt perpetuate Israeli occupation of Arab territory, the minister was quoted as telling the delegation.

Attending the meeting were representatives of the ministries of foreign affairs, labour, occupied territories Affairs as well as the General Federation of Jordanian Labour Unions and the Amman chambers of commerce and industry.

The ILO delegation later visited the offices of the General Federation of Jordanian Labour Unions in Amman.

Gazans stage general strike against civilian administration

OCCUPIED GAZA, Dec. 2 (Agencies) — Gaza residents began a two-day general strike today to protest Israel's new civilian administration in the territory.

Gaza Mayor Rashad Al Shawa said the strike aimed to express Gaza's "hatred of the Israeli occupation" and their demand for statehood.

It was the first general strike here in several years. Merchants, dentists and lawyers stayed away from work, students boycotted classes and Gaza's 500 doctors accepted emergency cases only.

Gaza sources said soldiers forced shops in the market and main streets to open, but most other businesses stayed closed.

Mr. Shawa said the Gazans were against the new civilian authority introduced yesterday to replace the army in what was described as handling non-military affairs involving Gaza's nearly 500,000 residents. A similar Israeli administration has been running the occupied West Bank for a month.

"The civilian administration has no substance, means nothing, and is designed to fool the world at large and Israeli public opinion," Mr. Shawa charged. "It is merely the continuation of the military government in a different guise," the mayor added.

He said the strike also was against Israel's attempt to levy a 12-per cent Value Added Tax (VAT) from businessmen and professionals on every transaction they make. Mr. Shawa said he had gone to the Israeli supreme court to challenge Israel's right to collect VAT in occupied territory.

Israeli politicians accused of misusing German funds

TEL AVIV, Dec. 2 (A.P.) — A Tel Aviv newspaper today accused politicians in Prime Minister Menachem Begin's government of misusing funds donated by a West German political party.

Yedioth Ahronoth quoted unidentified officials in the Liberal Party, a faction of Begin's Likud bloc, as charging that funds from a Christian Democratic Party foundation were spent on "wasteful weekends at fancy hotels" and expensive trips abroad by politicians and their families to attend symposiums.

The paper claimed Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir controlled the fund and used it to advance his associates in the Liberal Party. Sharir was abroad and not available for comment. But Yedioth quoted other Liberal Party members as saying a similar foundation controlled by the West German Social Democratic Party was giving money to the opposition Labour Party.

Dror Zeigerman, a Liberal Party member of parliament, was quoted as telling Yedioth that the funds came from the Bonn government and were channelled to Israel through German political parties.

Yedioth said the money reached the Liberals from a Munich-based fund controlled by conservative leader Franz-Josef Strauss. Moshe Meron, a former deputy and Liberal Party leader, was quoted as saying only two journeys to foreign symposiums involved luxury hotels, and that in other cases the Israeli visitors stayed at cheap hotels.

Meron was quoted as saying members of various factions had benefited from the fund, which is officially termed "an adult political education fund."

The paper said that at first the fund was managed by a committee comprising all Likud's factions. But Begin's Herut Party withdrew, objecting to taking money from a country with a Nazi past, and then another faction pulled out, leaving the Liberals in control, Yedioth said.

King says suspension of Morocco's summit regrettable but correct

AMMAN, Dec. 2 (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein today spoke in an interview with Petra, the Jordan news agency, about the Arab summit in Fez. Following is the text of the interview:

Question: Your Majesty, do you think that the Fez summit has caused a setback to the Arab situation and to the joint Arab effort as some international news media had indicated?

Answer: I totally disagree with this view. What happened — and this is really to be regretted — was that a number of Arab leaders failed to attend the summit meeting and therefore they are to blame for the suspension of the sessions.

The Arab leaders had agreed at the Amman summit (in November last year) that only leaders of Arab countries should participate in any Arab summit, and if this proved impossible to any of them for some compelling reasons, the next in line of responsibility should attend provided he is authorised legally and constitutionally to take decisions or to help in formulating such decisions. The representatives of the Arab leaders should not be restricted by instructions given to them in advance. A summit meeting ought to be able to draw Arab policy after due consideration and candid and responsible deliberations.

It is regrettable that despite the seriousness of the subjects that were to be discussed at the Fez summit and their far-reaching consequences on the present and future and the common Arab destiny, some important Arab leaders failed to attend, and that was the reason for suspending the summit meeting until a later date to be agreed on.

In my view, I think what took place was the right thing, because a summit meeting should be really a summit since the challenges confronting the Arab Nation are dangerous and threaten the very existence and identity of the Arab Nation, and this leaves no room for manoeuvring or negligence in drawing joint planning for confronting the challenges.

Q: A number of circles considered the Saudi plan a failure because the summit has been suspended and following rumours that Saudi Arabia is about to withdraw its initiative?

A: This is an inaccurate conclusion. Saudi Arabia has requested to withdraw its initiative from the agenda due to the slanderous attacks it drew from a number of Arab foreign ministers at their meeting preceding the summit.

It was natural for Saudi Arabia to be affected by the campaign that came not only from the enemy but also from Arab brethren. Saudi Arabia, it is right to say, has never failed to give support to all Arabs and under all circumstances. Furthermore, the Saudi plan was based on U.N. and Security Council resolutions as well as on previous Arab summits; and the phrase "a just peace" was shaped in the Baghdad resolutions.

On the other hand, the whole world and all

Peace plan remains on the agenda, Fahd says

BAHRAIN, Dec. 2 (Agencies) — Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Fahd has said his Middle East peace plan is no longer a Saudi but an Arab plan, which remains on the agenda of the postponed Arab summit conference, according to the official Saudi press agency.

The agency said Prince Fahd was reporting to a cabinet meeting in Riyadh last night on last month's Arab summit conference in Fez, Morocco, which was to have discussed the eight-point plan.

The plan, which implicitly recognises Israel, has been opposed by some Arab nations and their leaders did not attend the summit, which was postponed only a few hours after it opened. Israel rejected the plan as a "formula for its extinction."

Acting Saudi information minister, Sheikh Hussain Mansouri, told the agency that Prince

Fahd briefed the three-hour cabinet meeting on the summit and the kingdom's Middle East policy.

Before it was postponed, the Fez summit instructed Arab foreign ministers to prepare for another conference.

Earlier, a Lebanese leftist paper, *As-Safir*, gave its account of the mood at the single inconclusive session of last week's Arab summit conference in Fez saying that it was not as acrimonious as many reports suggested.

The newspaper published what it described as a record of the closed meeting held by Arab leaders or their representatives last week.

As-Safir said Prince Fahd withdrew his peace plan from consideration by the conference because he considered attacks made against it at an earlier Arab foreign ministers conference were

offensive to Saudi Arabia.

Withdrawal of the plan was opposed by King Hassan of Morocco on the basis that the proposal had become the property of the Arab League. *As-Safir* said, King Hussein also objected, saying the withdrawal would have harmful international repercussions, the newspaper added.

Prince Fahd later indicated that if the meeting considered the initiative useful, he might go back on his decision to withdraw it. The newspaper said.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat insisted on the summit conference going ahead with its work but the conference broke up after one session and was postponed indefinitely. *As-Safir* said.

The newspaper's account quoted several speakers as paying tribute to Saudi Arabia and pointing out that criticism of the plan did not mean attacking Prince Fahd personally.

Allen's future hangs in balance

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (R) — White House National Security Adviser Richard Allen's future is in question today, said a Justice Department report clearing him of one of the allegations against him.

Colleagues of Mr. Allen, who went on leave from his post last weekend, turned aside all queries about his returning to the White House if he is cleared of the other allegations.

The Justice Department said yesterday it found he had done nothing wrong in receiving \$1,000 from Japanese journalists who had interviewed Mrs. Nancy Reagan. But it was continuing to look into at least two related matters.

White House Spokesman Larry Speakes was less than categorical in denying press reports that Brent Seowcroft, national security adviser under President Gerald Ford, had been sounded out about succeeding Mr. Allen.

"We don't have an active search on for anybody," Mr. Speakes said, leaving open the possibility that Mr. Seowcroft, a retired general, had already been approached if Mr. Allen is forced to go.

Mr. Allen himself has stopped saying he fully expects to return to the White House if he is cleared by the Justice Department.

After he was cleared of wrongdoing over the \$1,000 gift, he told reporters yesterday that his return "depends on my colleagues at the White House."

The Justice Department said it was still investigating Mr. Allen's acceptance of two wristwatches from Japanese friends and his filing of an inaccurate report on his finances when he took the White House job this year.

Several of Mr. Allen's colleagues, including his superior, Presidential Counsellor Edwin Meese, told reporters a finding that he broke no laws or rules would not necessarily mean he could return to the White House.

They said that, by his own admission, he had shown "bad judgment" in putting the \$1,000 in a safe and forgetting to turn it over to the treasury, and that this had harmed the administration in the eyes of the public.

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NATIONAL Enough to drive you potty

By Meg Abu Hamdan
Special to the Jordan Times

WALK AROUND Jordan and you will be kicking up ancient shreds of pottery wherever you go. For ceramics, the oldest form of art in the history of man's civilization was — especially in Islamic times — one of the most popular forms of artistic expression. People practising the art of ceramics in Jordan today however, are few and far between. Or so it would seem unless you came to Amman this week — the week when the work of three ceramists has gone on exhibition.

Opening at Suhail Bishara's Gallery in Jabal Amman Thursday at 7 p.m. are the unique ceramic reliefs of Maha Otaqui. Mrs. Otaqui — an artist of some experience — has studied for her B.A. in fine arts for four years in Beirut and one year in Paris. She also has taught ceramics at the Haya Arts Centre and learnt about commercial production by working at the ceramics factory here in Jordan. She started working for this, her first solo exhibition, back in 1979.

Difficult to classify, her works are best just described. They are, for the most part, small ceramic tiles on which the artist has either built upon or etched into in order to depict the typical square houses that are seen all over Jordan and

the West Bank from the cluttered hillsides of Amman to the distant villages in rural areas.

Early attempts at expressing the inspiration Mrs. Otaqui had felt when seeing the detailed and spell-binding prints made by David Roberts of this area in the 1880's were characterised by only one or two quite large houses that filled the tiny tile and by coarser detailing. The colours — the dark blue and earthy brown glazes — softened and enhanced the scene. These initial pieces were slowly refined — additional inspiration coming this time from a telescope, focused on the steps, doorways and arches of distant Ashrafyah, on the balcony of her own home. Now many tiny houses crowd the tile, each with its own minute detailing — a decorated balcony, a half shuttered window, the stairs that lead mysteriously away through an arched entrance, all in glazes that match the turquoises, blues and bieges of the real scene.

A certain naivete characterises Mrs. Otaqui's work which she exploits to get across what she really feels. By giving certain houses greater depth and substance, or by letting the houses float in the air — by in fact ignoring all the rules of perspective and reality — Mrs. Otaqui manages to catch exactly the importance, the prominence that some houses exert over their neighbours

because of some distinctive feature or colour, even though they are more distant.

This style — which is further used in the stereotyped format of the houses and trees — along with the diminutive size of the pieces, gives the artist's work an instant appeal and a great attractive quality. And although her works are getting larger — Mrs. Otaqui is developing by spreading the scene over more than one tile — she still maintains these qualities. On these latter pieces, which cover six tiles or more, greater panoramas unfold revealing a village climbing the hillside or a small town stacked with tiny houses complete with school and mosques, or two lonely palms in the desert under the hot red sun.

Other new developments include a greater attention to architectural detailing — one or

two of the tiles depict water fountains, doorways and castle keeps — and to perspectives. These are obviously the directions along which Mrs. Otaqui should experiment, but a too rigid adherence to formal composition and accurate perspective techniques would take away the spontaneity, originality and freshness of her present work.

At the Haya Arts Centre two young ceramists, Issam Nuseirat and Vivian Batshoun, are also exhibiting their work this week. Of the two, 24-year-old Irbid born Mr. Nuseirat has the more experience for he has participated in both the Jordan Artists Association's second annual exhibition last December and in the Spring National Festival held in Aqaba and Amman last April. After graduating in ceramics from the Institute of Fine Arts in Baghdad,

Mr. Nuseirat came back to Jordan and began teaching at the Haya Arts Centre where he has been able to use the facilities to continue his own work.

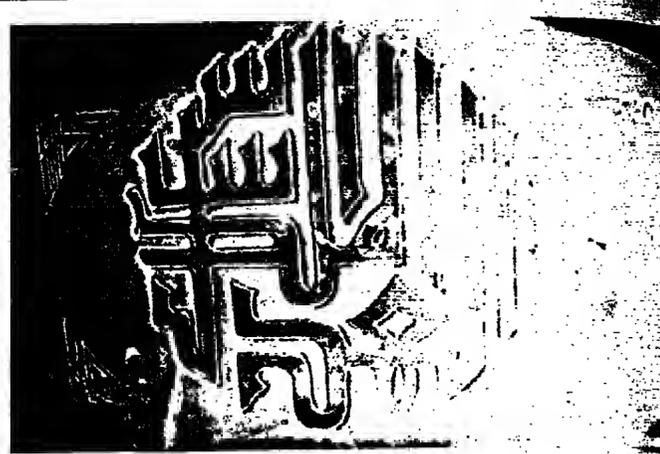
Mr. Nuseirat's most attractive and delicate work has been made on the potters wheel, where he produces small, often oddly shaped, pots in deep blue or subtle grey-green glazes — sometimes bent to form elliptical shapes, or sometimes pinched outwards at the corners. The best of these are a series of three turquoise and blue pots of different sizes, which have the satisfying shape of an elongated lobster pot.

Mr. Nuseirat however prefers to mould the clay by hand and he feels he can express himself more satisfactorily with coil pottery sculptural pieces and calligraphic plaques. These pieces tend to be much larger, and the clay much thicker, and there is a feeling of heaviness and solidity about them, especially the organically decorated jars.

Among the best of the sculptural pieces is "Reflection" whose three dimensional geometry is enhanced by gridded textural qualities. His more classically-shaped pieces — like the large blue lidded pot — work better than the flaccid organic works which lack the strength of a good design.

Miss Batshoun's work is in many ways similar to that of Mr. Nuseirat's, but there are some good pieces that show the emergence of her own style. Again coil work takes priority over pieces thrown at the wheel, but Miss Batshoun exploits the roundness and length of the coil itself by allowing it to form a flowing design in the texture of the pot or by using a single strand as a decorative motif.

A set of three pots with finger-like projections of different lengths works well, as does a small light green vase which utilises the idea of a snail crawling up its side, while most attractive of all is a petrol-blue jewelry box which is carefully engraved with a traditional Islamic design.



Calligraphic plaque by Issam Nuseirat



Vivian Batshoun's work depicts the emergence of her own style



Difficult to classify, Maha Otaqui's works are best described.

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Cable to UAE leader

AMMAN, Dec. 2 (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein today sent a cable of good wishes to the president of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahayan, on the UAE's foundation anniversary. In his cable King Hussein praised Sheikh Zayed's wise leadership and policies, and wished him success in achieving further progress and prosperity for his people.

Omani education aide due

AMMAN, Dec. 2 (Petra) — Omani Education Minister Yahya Al Muaziri is due here on Saturday for a four-day visit to Jordan. He will meet with his Jordanian counterpart, Dr. Sa'ad Al Tal, and senior Education Ministry aides to discuss means of bolstering bilateral cooperation in educational affairs. The Omani minister, who will be accompanied by a delegation of several officials, will also tour the University of Jordan and Yarmouk University, as well as other Jordanian educational institutions.

Radio contributors honoured

AMMAN, Dec. 2 (Petra) — Radio Jordan has honoured the citizens who took the initiative and made contributions to the Hussein Centre for the Care of the Aged in Al Karamah. Radio Jordan Director General Nasouh Al Majali gave a reception at the Radio Jordan building in honour of the citizens, who called the radio's phone-in programme and the television's weekly Reportage programme to make their contributions. The contributions were well over JD 72,000.

School 'generalisation' mooted

AMMAN, Dec. 2 (Petra) — The Education Council resumed, in a session it held yesterday under Education Minister Sa'ad Al Tal, discussion of the proposed plan prepared by a special committee on the future of secondary education. The aim of the plan is to eliminate the system of the scientific and literary branches currently in operation in the secondary school phase, and to replace it with a system of general education for all secondary school students, together with providing other courses for the various educational branches. The new system will have a pattern similar to the pattern available at general secondary schools.

Iraqi team visits university

AMMAN, Dec. 2 (Petra) — A delegation from the Iraqi Ministry of Higher Education today called at the University of Jordan and met with its president, Dr. Abdul Salam Majali, who briefed its members on the university's development and programmes. The two sides discussed means of launching cooperation between the university and Iraqi universities.

Educational unification studied

AMMAN, Dec. 2 (Petra) — A four-day meeting in Tunis grouping experts from the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organisation, and under-secretaries of Arab ministries of education, discussed the unification of educational scales and curricula among various Arab states, according to Under-Secretary of Education Thibul Ra'fat. He was speaking upon returning to Amman today after participating in the meeting, which ended on Monday. Participants in the meeting discussed several amendments to the unification project as proposed by five Arab countries including Jordan. Mr. Ra'fat said. They agreed on certain points and referred the matter to a special committee of experts to draw up a final formula, he said.

ECWA plans food security seminar

AMMAN, Dec. 2 (Petra) — The Economic Commission for Western Asia (ECWA) will hold a three-day seminar on planning Jordan's food security, starting on Dec. 8. Participants will discuss among other things subjects connected with harvest expectations in Jordan, ways of determining the size of crops and their relationship with food security planning.

Iraqi war photos displayed

AMMAN, Dec. 2 (Petra) — An exhibition of more than 100 photographs about the Gulf war opened this evening at the Iraqi press office in Amman. The photographs, depicting the successes of the Iraqi army over the Iranian forces, were taken by photographers accompanying Iraqi troops on their mission to liberate occupied Iraqi land. Other photos show Iranian sabotage activity within Iraqi territory, along with scenes of Iraqi historical sites and events.

36 policemen honoured

AMMAN, Dec. 2 (Petra) — Director of Public Security Maj. Gen. Mamoun Khalil today decided to distribute prizes to 36 police officers of various ranks in recognition of their efforts in the course of their duty. Maj. Gen. Khalil today received a number of these officers and voiced his appreciation for their work, which he described as proof of their faithfulness and keenness on fulfilling their task in the service of their nation and citizens.

Passport Dept. makes JD 145,000

AMMAN, Dec. 2 (Petra) — Revenues of the Passport Department in the past month amounted to JD 145,588, according to a department spokesman. He said that the department issued a total of 9157 passports in Jordan, which included 513 temporary ones for people of the occupied West Bank and 208 for inhabitants of the occupied Gaza Strip.

Irbid village gets council

IRBID, Dec. 2 (Petra) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Hassan Al Momani has decided to form the first municipal council in the village of Hatem, in the Bani Kananah district. The nine-member council is to be chaired by Mr. Hatem Al Ghazzawi.

44 become police friends

SALT, Dec. 2 (Petra) — A group of 44 students today completed a two-week course here in police work and the role of the public in preventing crimes and helping policemen. The students, who graduated at Aqaba Bin Nafe' secondary school, will be a new addition to the Friends of the Police in Jordan.

'Your money or your time'

AMMAN, Dec. 2 (Petra) — The military court has sentenced 50 Jordanian merchants to pay fines of JD 40 each or to spend 80 days in prison. The court had found these merchants guilty of violating Ministry of Supply regulations. The military governor approved these sentences today.



Dr. Hanna Odeh (left) and Dr. Jakob Bollinger sign the contract for a turnkey job on JFIC's aluminium fluoride plant Wednesday at JFIC headquarters (Petra photo)

Swiss sign JD 10m contract for JFIC's aluminium fluoride plant

AMMAN, Dec. 2 (J.T.) — Swiss Aluminium Ltd. (Alusuisse), a Zurich-based firm, today signed a contract with the Jordan Fertiliser Industry Company (JFIC) for the turnkey construction of an aluminium fluoride plant.

Under the JD 10 million contract, the Swiss company undertakes to design, supply all equipment and machinery for, and erect the plant, which will be associated with JFIC's phosphate fertiliser factory south of Aqaba. The plant will produce 20,000 tonnes a year of aluminium fluoride by combining fluosilicic acid, a byproduct of the fertiliser process, with

imported aluminium hydroxide (alumina).

The aluminium fluoride can then be exported for use in the production of aluminium. The new plant, which is to be completed in 30 months, is the latest step in JFIC's effort to exploit fully the potential inherent in Jordan's phosphate deposits, and to avoid polluting the environment with waste. The fertiliser plant itself is expected to start commercial production from two di-ammonium phosphate units in August 1982.

Signing the contract at JFIC headquarters today were JFIC

Chairman Hanna Odeh and Dr. Jakob Bollinger, raw materials production department director for Alusuisse. Present at the signing ceremony were members of the Board of Directors, JFIC General Manager Mahmoud Mardi and top company officials.

Aqaba to get dry dock for ship repair

AMMAN, Dec. 2 (Petra) — A Bulgarian company will construct a dry dock at Aqaba for repair work on ships owned and operated by the Jordanian Seaport Corporation, according to an agreement signed here today.

Under the JD 1.1 million agreement, the Bulgarian company will carry out the project in accordance with provisions included in the current five-year development plan.

The dry dock will initially be used for repairs on ships of up to 350 tonnes. This can be modified to so that 750-tonne ships can be repaired there, according to Port Corporation Director General Ahmad Fawzi Abu Nuwwar.

He said that the company will embark on the project in 10 days' time, and should complete it in 11 months, so that the dock can be operational before the end of 1982.

Alia, Egypt seek agreement to end Cairo travellers' plight

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, Dec. 2 — Air travel is always a stimulating experience, sometimes too much so. But when one arrives at the airport to find that there is no plane to take one home, the effect on the nerves is greater than usual.

That is what happened to at least one planeload of Egyptian workers and their families yesterday — people either en route through Amman from Baghdad to Cairo, or setting off from Jordan to visit their homes in Egypt.

Flights by Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline to Cairo, which numbered as many as six or seven a day in the summer and which provided the airline with a lucrative business, have been limited by Egypt to a meagre one a day. However, Alia Chairman and President Ali Ghandour is flying to Cairo himself on Sunday, and is expected to sign an agreement restoring Alia's right to fly the old number of flights between the two countries.

Meanwhile, the backlog of travellers trying to get home will presumably build up until such an agreement is reached.

There is talk of EgyptAir coming to an arrangement with Kuwait to transport those Egyptians working in Iraq from Kuwait to Cairo. But the length of the journey and the size of the traffic involved make it implausible, in the minds of those involved at the Amman end, that Kuwaiti Airways could cover the needs of Egypt.

Thus, while there is temporary inconvenience for those stranded at the airport here, there is confidence that when Mr. Ghandour returns, services will be restored to their normal level.

Building materials federation board ends its 14th meeting

AMMAN, Dec. 2 (Petra) — The board of directors of the Arab Federation for Cement and Building Materials ended its 14th meeting in Amman today.

The board, consisting of representatives of 11 Arab states, endorsed a report about the federation's activities in the current year along with several memos and working papers put to it, as well as the federation's estimated budget for 1982. It also endorsed the establishment of an Arab insti-

tute for research and training in the cement industry and building materials, and an agreement with the Syrian corporation for cement and building materials.

The board approved contacts with the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) and the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development to obtain financial assistance to help the federation carry out research studies in 1982.

Lufthansa gets new regional director

AMMAN, Dec. 2 (J.T.) — A reception this evening at the home of Lufthansa representative in Jordan Mr. Karin Jouri welcomed Mr. Jens Michael Hubrich, the German airline's new regional director for Africa and the Near East.

Several members and officials of the airline industry greeted Mr. Hubrich, who succeeds Dr. Franz Schoiber. Dr. Schoiber will take up the duties of regional director for Europe.

Mr. Hubrich, 45, joined Lufthansa in 1957 as the manager of the Special Flights Division at the head office in Cologne. In 1960 he was transferred to the USA, where he looked after interim matters and did extensive market research on behalf of the company in North and Central America.

The following year he was appointed regional manager for Mexico and Central America, and nine years later as Lufthansa's manager for the United Kingdom and Eire, a position he held for eight years. In 1978 he became the



Jens Michael Hubrich

airline's manager for North, East and Southern Europe, being responsible for coordinating all sales functions in this area.

Mr. Hubrich is married and has two children. In addition to his mother-tongue, he speaks fluent English and Spanish.

He loves baroque music and sailing.

Need for integration stressed

38th CAEU session opens

AMMAN, Dec. 2 — Minister of Industry and Trade Walid Asfour today stressed Jordan's belief that Arab economic unity is the only way of countering the problems facing the Arab World.

In his opening address at the 38th session of the ministerial-level Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU), Mr. Asfour expressed the hope that the session would hail a new phase of fruitful activity. The current situation and challenges confronting the Arab Nation required intensified efforts to enhance inter-Arab economic cooperation to achieve pan-Arab integration, he said.

Along with Mr. Asfour, the CAEU session is attended by four ministerial delegations. They include, Kuwaiti Finance and Planning Minister Abdul Latif Al Hamad, North Yemeni Minister of Economy Hizam Al Shawhata, Libyan Secretary of Economy Abu Zaid Dourdeb and Palestine Liberation Organisation Economic Department Head Mohammad Zuhdi Al Nashashibi. The remaining seven CAEU member countries are being represented by lower level delegations.

Mr. Asfour described the resolutions of the eleventh Arab summit conference in Amman last year as a suitable framework for joint Arab economic action. The joint Arab economic strategy approved by the Amman summit clearly defined the role of the CAEU in promoting Arab economic cooperation, he said.

The minister of industry and trade affirmed that Jordan has exerted, and will continue to exert, all efforts to contribute towards the success of Arab economic cooperation within the framework of the CAEU. He expressed the hope that the current session will issue resolutions and recommendations that will

reflect the grave responsibilities of the CAEU under the prevailing "crucial and difficult" circumstances.

CAEU Secretary General Fak-hri Qaddouri then addressed the meeting. The current session, he said, takes on special importance as a result of the "circumstances through which joint Arab action is passing." Arab economic cooperation is a factor that enhances and boosts Arab cooperation in the wider sense, he said.

He pointed to several important issues on the agenda of the 38th CAEU session. These include the formation of an Arab international company for land transport, an Arab printing company to be formed on a comprehensive Arab level, and the drafting of the bylaws of specialised Arab federations.

During a brief discussion of the items on the agenda, and an item was added at the request of Mr. Nashashibi. It deals with measures

to support the efforts of the economy in the occupied Arab territories through encouraging industrial and agricultural exports to Arab countries.

The representatives then held private consultations among themselves, and a second closed session was held in the afternoon. The Jordan Times learned from conference sources that differences had arisen on the formation of a common Arab printing press. Several Arab countries, it was said, object to the formation of a new press, and argue that already existing presses in Iraq, Syria and other Arab countries can be expanded to serve the purpose.

Minor differences also exist on the formation of the Arab international company for land transport, according to the sources. These differences, however, were described as easily surmountable, and it was claimed that arguments against the formation of such a company could be easily refuted.

Dr. Qaddouri will hold a press conference tomorrow morning to announce the resolutions adopted by the 38th CAEU ministerial session.

Hassan leaves for Netherlands

AMMAN, Dec. 2 (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan this morning left Amman for the Netherlands, on a visit to last several days.

Prince Hassan was seen off at the airport by Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi, Court Minister Amer Khammash, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Lt. Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, the chief justice, the president of the Royal Academy for Islamic Civilisation Research and a number of senior officials.

British Parliamentary delegation arrives on way to West Bank

RAMTHA, Dec. 2 (Petra) — A delegation from the British House of Commons, led by M.P. Tony Marlowe, arrived here today on a one-day visit to Jordan.

The delegation will leave for the West Bank tomorrow, to look into the conditions of the people of the occupied Arab territories.

The delegation was met upon arrival at this border town by two members of the National Consultative Council, Dr. Ya'qoub

Abu Ghosh and Dr. Mohammad Rabi', and a representative of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, as well as the director of the border post of Ramtha.

Committee formed for reception of expected aides

AMMAN, Dec. 2 (J.T.) — Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem has decided to form a special committee to receive non-aligned states' foreign ministers, Al Rai' newspaper said today. The ministers will be stopping in Amman enroute to Baghdad for the non-aligned foreign ministers' conference.

The reception committee will include Ambassador Jamal Khotat, committee head, and Minister Plenipotentiary Sa'd Al Batayneh, First Secretary Samir Al Hamid, Second Secretary Azmi Merza and Third Secretary Sultan Al Qadi as members.

Jordan will also participate in the four-day conference, which will open in Baghdad Dec. 12.

Embezzler caught with JD 15,000

AMMAN, Dec. 2 (Petra) — Amman police today arrested an accountant employed by a major business firm in Jordan while he was about to embark on a plane for Tunis.

The man had stolen JD 15,000 that belonged to the firm, and was about to flee the country with the stolen cash, police sources said.

War declared on insects in Jordan Valley

AMMAN, Dec. 2 (Petra) — A month-long campaign to start on Saturday in the Jordan Valley will battle household insects such as flies and mosquitoes, the Ministry of Agriculture announced today.

It said that the campaign, to be conducted in cooperation with the Jordan Valley Authority, as well as the Ministry of Health and Amman Municipality, entails spraying homes and public buildings, streets and various quarters including rubbish dump sites with chemical insecticides during the daytime.

The campaign, according to the announcement, will start at South Shuneh and will end in North Shuneh. The Ministry called on citizens in the Jordan Valley to facilitate the spraying teams' task so that the campaign can be successful.

The announcement called on the citizens to keep children and animals away from spots to be sprayed, and to take other, precautionary measures to protect their food and water from poison in the insecticides.

Today's Weather

It will be partly cloudy, with northwesterly moderate winds. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

	Overnight Low	Daytime High
Amman	6	15
Aqaba	11	24
Deserts	4	19
Jordan Valley	12	23

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 13, Aqaba 22. Humidity readings: Amman 79 per cent, Aqaba 40 per cent.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

- * Photos of the Iraqi-Iranian Gulf war, at the Iraqi press office.
- * Ceramic reliefs by Maha Otaqui, opening at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Suhail Bisharat Gallery in Jabal Amman.
- * The Turkish Arts Exhibition, a century's retrospective of Turkish painting, at the Jordan National Gallery.
- * Ceramics by Issam Neseirat and Vivian Batshoun, at the Haya Centre.

Christmas recital

- * The Amman Performers present a Christmas recital featuring the music of Handel, Bach, Mozart and Wolf at the Haya Arts Centre, Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Film

- * The French Cultural Centre presents a comedy in colour, "Le Sauvage", (Arabic sub-titles) starring Yves Montand and Catherine Deneuve, Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Kemp's Jig

- * The British Council presents this bawdy, one-man-show performed by Chris Harris at the Alcazar Hotel, Aqaba, Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

John in tiles

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Text of memorandum of understanding reached between the U.S. and Israel

WASHINGTON - The United States and Israel agreed Nov. 30 to sign a memorandum of understanding that recognises the need to enhance strategic cooperation to deter what they view as Soviet threats to the Middle East. Following is the text of the memorandum of understanding.

Article II

- The fields in which strategic cooperation will be carried out to prevent the above mentioned threat from endangering the security of the region include:
 - Military cooperation between the parties, as may be agreed by the parties.
 - Joint military exercises, including naval and air exercises in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea, as agreed upon by the parties.
 - Cooperation for the establishment and maintenance of joint readiness activities, as agreed upon by the parties.
 - Other areas within the basic scope and purpose of this agreement, as may be jointly agreed.
- Details of activities within these fields of cooperation shall be worked out by the parties in accordance with the provisions of Article III below. The cooperation will include, as appropriate, planning, preparations, and exercises.

Article III

- The secretary of defence and the minister of defence shall establish a coordinating council to further the purposes of this memorandum:
 - To coordinate and provide guidance to joint working groups;
 - To monitor the implementation of cooperation in the fields agreed upon by the parties within the scope of this agreement;
 - To hold periodic meetings, in Israel and the United States, for the purposes of discussing and resolving outstanding issues and to further the objectives set forth in this memorandum. Special meetings can be held at the request of either party. The secretary of defence and minister of defence will chair these meetings whenever possible.
- Joint working groups will address the following issues:
 - Military cooperation between the parties, including joint U.S.-Israeli exercises in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea.
 - Cooperation for the establishment of joint readiness activities including access to maintenance facilities and other infrastructure, consistent with the basic purposes of this agreement.
 - Cooperation in research and development, building on past coop-

- eration in this area.
- Cooperation in defence trade.
- Other fields within the basic scope and purpose of this agreement such as questions of prepositioning, as agreed by the coordinating council.
- The future agenda for the work of the joint working groups, their composition, and procedures for reporting to the coordinating council shall be agreed upon by the parties.

Article IV

This memorandum shall enter into force upon exchange of notification that required procedures have been completed by each party. If either party considers it necessary to terminate this memorandum of understanding, it may do so by notifying the other party six months in advance of the effective date of termination.

Article V

Nothing in the memorandum shall be considered as derogating from previous agreements and understandings between the parties.

Article VI

The parties share the understanding that nothing in this memorandum is intended to or shall in any way prejudice the rights and obligations which devolve or may devolve upon either government under the Charter of the United Nations or under international law. The parties reaffirm their faith in the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and their aspirations of live in peace with all countries in the region.

For the government of the United States of America
Secretary of Defence

For the government of Israel
Minister of Defence

Say it ain't so, Dean

ONE HAS to respect the American government's determination and persistence in its constant struggle against the real world. We can better understand the great things about the United States -- for example, the technical brilliance of the Space Shuttle or the humanitarian brilliance of the American system of constitutional law -- when we pinpoint Washington's ability to swim against the currents of reality and history. Two days ago, the spokesman for the United States State Department, Mr. Dean Fischer, said that "there does not seem to us to be anything contradictory about entering into an agreement like this (the strategic cooperation agreement with Israel) while at the same time pursuing our other interests with the Arab countries in the region."

This is an extraordinary statement made by equally extraordinary minds. The fact is that there is a powerful contradiction between American "strategic" ties with Israel and American efforts to develop bilateral or multilateral security arrangements with assorted Arab states. The contradictions are leading to pressures building up within the Arab World that may well lead to a series of terrible internal explosions (a la Iran), assassinations (a la Sadat), violence (a la Syria) or anarchy (a la Lebanon). The American policy in the area, combined with some equally contradictory indigenous forces, is promoting frustration and bitterness in the masses and leadership of the Arab World that may soon result in horrible upheaval that will make mincemeat of everybody's efforts to develop stable societies based on rational socio-economic development and a genuine sense of fulfilled nationalism. If the Americans honestly feel there is no contradiction between their policies with Israel and the Arabs, then they are either more naive or more sinister than we had ever thought. In either case, the Middle East has great cause for concern.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Rise up to the challenges

AL RA'Y: His Majesty King Hussein returned home yesterday after having participated in the Fez Arab summit conference and paid a private visit to Spain.

In the opening session of the Fez summit, His Majesty King Hussein urged Arabs to adhere to the Arab identity, protect the Arab heritage and be aware of the dangers threatening them. This was a clear appeal to the Arabs to rise up to the level of the challenges facing them. Despite the fact that the Arab summit was postponed, what the King said at the opening session forms the criterion for preparing the resumption of the Arab summit.

If the Arabs actually realise the dangers threatening them, their issue and their future, they will also realise that they must abandon differences and meaningless sensitivities in order to prepare for a successful summit. Apart from the Israeli settlements, plans of setting up a so-called civilian administration and the canal Israel intends to dig between the Mediterranean and the Dead Seas, the emergence of the armed militias of the so-called village associations has added to the dangers posed to the Arabs.

The Israeli plots against Islamic holy places and the Arab heritage are being escalated every day. The burning of Hassan Bek Mosque in Jaffa is further evidence of this.

Various indicators point to the fact that every day that passes without the Arabs rising up to the challenges facing them provides Israel with an opportunity to escalate its aggressive practices against the Arab identity and heritage.

The Jordanian family is very proud of the King's stands, policies and the pan-Arab commitment. The Jordanians pledge to follow the path the King outlined to protect Arab identity and to confront all dangers.

The U.S.-Israeli red herring

AL DUSTOUR: The strategic cooperation agreement signed between Israel and the United States is an extremely serious development which will have its negative consequences on the future of the region. This agreement eliminates all hope in achieving peace and security in this troubled region of the world.

The strategic cooperation document signed by the Israeli and U.S. defence chiefs makes Israel a partner in the drawing up of the U.S. political and military strategy in the Middle East. It also gives Israel the right and the chance to interfere in the affairs of the Arab World -- an issue rejected by all Arabs.

Despite what is known about Washington's bias and commitment to protect financially and militarily Israel and support the Zionist state, agreement of strategic cooperation is a documented pledge by the United States to proceed with the same unbalanced policy. It also imposes on the United States a commitment to support Israel's policy of aggression against the Palestinian people and the Arab states. This agreement is the more threatening because of the weaponry and the advanced military equipment that will be stored in Israel under the pretext of confronting the Soviet danger. This amassing of weapons in Israel will lead the region into the middle of international conflicts and provides the Zionist entity with more military strength.

Washington's attempt to assure the Arab states that this strategic cooperation with Israel is not against them but against the Soviet danger makes us more worried because bringing into focus the interest on an imaginative danger is meant to divert the attention from the real danger. The real danger is Israel. It is the tangible danger which expresses itself in the establishment of more settlements, the confiscation Arab territories and the provocative acts aimed at the Arab states.

Preamble

This memorandum of understanding reaffirms the common bond of friendship between the United States and Israel and builds on the mutual security relationship that exists between the two nations. The parties recognise the need to enhance strategic cooperation to deter all threats from the Soviet Union to the region. Noting the long-standing and fruitful cooperation for mutual security that has developed between the two countries, the parties have decided to establish a framework for continued consultation and cooperation to enhance their national security by deterring such threats to the whole region.

The parties have reached the following agreements in order to achieve the above aims:

Article I

United States-Israeli strategic cooperation, as set forth in this memorandum, is designed against the threat to peace and security of the region caused by the Soviet Union or Soviet-controlled forces from outside the region introduced into the region. It has the following broad purposes:

- To enable the parties to act cooperatively and in a timely manner to deal with the above mentioned threat.
- To provide each other with military assistance for operations of their forces in the area that may be required to cope with this threat.
- The strategic cooperation between the parties is not directed at any state or group of states within the region. It is intended solely for defensive purposes against the above mentioned threat.

Various groups bring in thick clouds of politics to EEC

Infight for European Parliament presidency

By Roger Cohen
Reuters

BRUSSELS — JUST OVER two years after the first direct elections to the European Parliament, the assembly is sharply split over choosing a president who will lead it into the next poll in 1984.

The current president, former French health minister Simone Veil, is due to step down on Jan. 15 after a 30-month term in which the parliament has appeared to make scant impact on the lives of the European Common Market's 260 million citizens.

Three parliamentarians have declared their candidacy for Mrs. Veil's prestigious position in what promises to be a bitter and close-run election involving both political and national interests.

"The election is vital because the new president will need to ensure that the assembly becomes a force in Europeans' lives before the next poll. Otherwise few peo-

ple will vote and the assembly will fade away," Dutch Socialist Pieter Dankert said.

Mr. Dankert, an authority on the EEC budget, is challenging British Conservative Sir James Scott-Hopkins and West German Christian Democrat Egon Klepsch for the presidency.

But, according to parliament sources, none of these candidates is likely to secure the 218 votes needed to be elected to the presidency when polling takes place during the January session of the assembly in Strasbourg.

This would leave the way open for a compromise candidate, and could lead either to the election of former Belgian prime minister Leo Tindemans, a Christian Democrat member, or the re-election of Mrs. Veil, they said.

"The president could take on a second term," Mrs. Veil's spokesman, Francois Bordery, told Reuters.

Mr. Tindemans was narrowly defeated by Mr. Klepsch in a poll held last September by the Chris-

tian Democrat group, the second largest in the assembly, to decide its candidate.

He is known to still harbour ambitions for the presidency, and parliament sources say his popularity outside the group is greater than that of the relatively little-known Mr. Klepsch.

Mr. Dankert said in an interview he believed voting would extend beyond the first three rounds, where an absolute majority in the 434-member assembly is required, to a fourth round, in which a simple majority of votes cast is enough.

Mr. Dankert, 47, who had led the parliament in a series of conflicts with EEC ministers over reshaping the Common Market's \$25 billion budget, is one of the few members to emerge as a well-known European figure through his activities in the directly-elected assembly.

He is determined to increase the powers of the parliament, making it a force within the EEC, and will be able to count on the support of

the 123-member Socialist group, the most powerful in the assembly.

Many of the Communist group's members will also back him, but the election of a left-wing candidate in a mainly right-wing parliament remains unlikely.

"I suspect that the only man of the left who might win would be (Socialist member and former West German chancellor) Willy Brandt, but he will not stand," a parliament spokesman, Guido Naets, said.

The chances of Mr. Dankert have, however, been increased by the break-up of the alliance of right-wing groups that ensured Mrs. Veil's election amid bitter accusations of broken promises.

This split led to the emergence of both Mr. Klepsch and Sir James Scott-Hopkins as candidates, and has undermined the right's chances of a quick victory.

Sir James, 60, is chairman of the 64-member European Democratic group, essentially made up of British Conservatives. An expert on agricultural affairs, he is

a more flamboyant figure than Mr. Klepsch, but is expected to capture few votes outside his group.

Mr. Klepsch, 51, has been a member of the European Parliament since 1973, when its members were still appointed from national parliaments, rather than being directly elected.

His stand is likely to be supported by much of the right, but British Conservatives will probably block his election.

"On no account will we vote for him. The understanding of our alliance (with the Liberals and Social Democrats) was that one of our members would stand for president this time," British Conservative member Richard Cottrell, told Reuters.

The two previous presidents have been a liberal, Mrs. Veil, and a Christian Democrat, current Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo. The Conservatives believe it is their turn.

Lobbying for votes is intense among members since as well as heading many parliamentary

delegations abroad, the president has privileged contacts with EEC ministers, and a decisive role in representing the parliament to Europeans.

The election comes at a vital time for the assembly, whose impact on EEC affairs has largely been limited to pressing for less farm spending in the Community budget.

A meeting this month of all 10 EEC foreign ministers with leaders of the parliament, at which ministers said the parliament "would be consulted more in future," had provoked speculation that the assembly may be slowly asserting itself.

Mr. Colombo and West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher have called for an expanded role for the parliament in their draft of European union, while British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher will break new ground next month when she reports to the assembly on this week's EEC summit.

Traditional Majlis system allows Saudis to let off steam

By Nicolas B. Tatro
Associated Press

RIYADH — Saudi Arabia's citizens cannot vote or form political parties, but they can air their grievances face to face with their rulers at an open-door audience known as the Majlis.

Originally a tribal tradition, the Majlis has moved from the tents of bedouin nomads to the marble palaces of Saudi Arabia's modern leaders. King Khalid opens the gates of his palace each Monday, and the princes of the kingdom's 18 provinces hold almost daily sessions.

Hundreds of other audiences are held by village headmen, the mayors of major cities and tribal chieftains. Saudi officials point to the institution as a major source of the kingdom's stability and strength.

"There is no doubt that this system makes the responsible person busy and often tired, but we take on this kind of burden because there should be a direct kind of

contact between the citizen and the government," said Prince Salman, half-brother of the King and governor of the capital city and surrounding Nejd province for 25 years.

As three large waiting rooms began to fill up with petitioners for the morning Majlis, the 44-year-old prince added: "As long as we go out to prayer and have direct contact with the people we are in a good position in this country-but if you hear we lose these two things, then predict our situation is not good."

Dressed in a flowing, gold-trimmed brown cloak and traditional white shobe, the prince arose and answered the call to prayers with those who had come to seek his favours.

The royal audience was held in a large salon on the second floor of the governor's palace, located across from the main mosque in the bazaar district of the capital.

More than 40 petitioners lined up between two columns of royal messengers, who wore bandoliers and carried ceremonial rifles and

gilt-handled swords. Salman greeted each petitioner, and in turn received a kiss on the right shoulder.

"About two-thirds of the cases should go to a specific department but they wouldn't be satisfied unless the rulers take care of their cases personally," said an aide to the governor. He said about 100 hand-written petitions are received every day by Prince Salman.

One man asked for financial aid to pay off a debt. A bedouin asked for a deed to property he claimed had long been in his family.

Another asked help in getting birth certificates for his children. A father sought the prince's help in getting his son out of jail where he was serving a sentence for drunkenness, and a landlord sought help in getting back an apartment that had been locked by a tenant who fled.

Prince Salman studied each request while the petitioners sat in green-and-white upholstered chairs lining the walls of the salon. Some petitions he dropped into

a wastebasket, others were handed to aides, and a few were given to the sword-carrying messengers known as khawi, who escorted the petitioner to the specified government to settle the problem.

Most of the petitioners had the leathery, weathered faces of desert people. There were few under 40, no women and only one foreigner -- a Zambian student seeking financial aid to finish college.

Prince Talal, half-brother of the king and a former minister of economy and finance, said in an interview that the Majlis appeared to be losing some of the vitality it had during the 50-year reign of his father, King Abdul Aziz Ibn Saud, who held travelling Majlises throughout the peninsula in forging quarrelling tribes into a unified state.

Majlis is a basic thing in this family but I would like to say that unfortunately the Majlis does not exist like it did before," said Talal. "There are many reasons. People now are busy with business and

money. It is becoming smaller and smaller."

"But my feeling is that the Majlis has to come back. We have to put the blame on ourselves too, not on the people, because we have to encourage the people."

In the wake of the siege of the Grand Mosque in Mecca by Moslem fanatics in November 1979, King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd put forward a plan for a consultative council called a majlis Al-Shoura, a quasi-parliament made up of appointed deputies.

Also proposed was a 200-article document of government bylaws that has been compared to a constitution. It would define the process of choosing a king.

A third element was to give regional officials more authority.

Talal said that a study panel headed by Prince Naif, the interior minister, had completed its work and the plan has been returned to Fahd. Prince Fahd, the king's heir apparent, is in charge of day-to-day affairs as deputy prime minister.

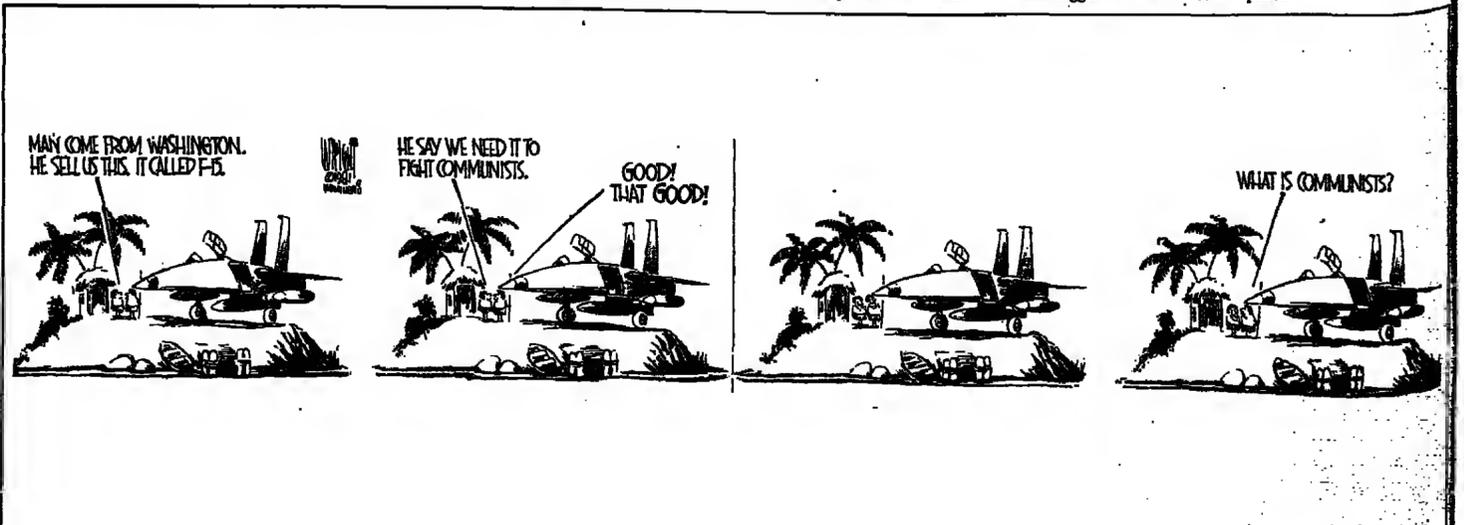
Talal suggested it would be a

matter of "two or three months" before the plan was implemented, but said an elected assembly was years away.

"Once upon a time when I was in government I thought that elections were the answer but now I don't think it is necessary as a first step. We can have elections one day, may be after 10 years or so," said Talal, who left the kingdom along with several military officers in 1961. He flew to Egypt after losing a battle within the royal family to turn the monarchy into a more westernised democracy.

The prince said he now agrees that a step-by-step approach is necessary. He noted that two-thirds of the native population of six million still lives outside urban areas and is mostly bedouin.

He recalled that the late President Anwar Sadat of Egypt allowed opposition groups to form, but later felt compelled to jail dissidents. "Would you like to make a political party," he asked, "and then put them in prison?"



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ECONOMY

U.S. car companies caught in tight cash flow squeeze

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (R) — American car companies, beset by sports and high interest rates, face a severe cash flow problem which is unlikely to improve until 1982, the government said today.

In a long-awaited report, the Commerce Department said working capital of General Motors, Ford, Chrysler and American Motors had plummeted from \$13 billion at the end of 1980 to \$300 million as of October 1.

The report submitted to a Senate finance subcommittee arising into Japanese car imports is expected to provoke more demands for protection for the domestic industry.

The department said it would be difficult for the domestic industry to ever again reach the high profit and sales of past decades.

It pointed to preference for imported small cars and reduced overall demand owing to high interest rates and the current U.S. economic recession as reasons for the pessimistic outlook.

The report submitted to the Senate did not break down the cash flow figures by company.

The chairman of the Senate subcommittee, John Danforth, forecast an overall trade deficit of more than \$40 billion this year, up from \$36 billion last year, with Japan accounting for 15 billion of the total.

Under intense administration pressure, Japan announced in May it was voluntarily restraining car exports to the United States to 1.68 million cars this year — an expected 16.8 per cent penetration of the U.S. market at the time.

Meanwhile in Detroit, the big three U.S. car makers reported that production dropped sharply in November.

General Motors said its November output declined from 333,491 cars a year ago to 288,698 this year. Ford said output fell from 124,406 to 70,764 and Chrysler reported a drop from 71,404 to 42,544.

B.L. strike intensifies

BIRMINGHAM, England, Dec. 2 (A.P.) — A strike idling auto production lines at state-run British Leyland (B.L.) intensified yesterday as unions introduced round-the-clock picketing at Longbridge, Birmingham, largest of the financially troubled company's 32 factories.

The strike is against a cut in tea breaks.

The company wants daily relaxation time reduced from 51 to 40 minutes, in return for an already agreed reduction in the working week from 40 to 39 hours.

Delivery vehicles were turned away yesterday by pickets maintaining a day and night stranglehold on the plant.

East Germany faces fuel supplies cut

EAST BERLIN, Dec. 2 (R) — East German industry faces cuts in fuel supplies next year, possibly because of reduced deliveries from the Soviet Union, according to informed sources.

The East German sources said industry is already under strict instructions to conserve as much fuel as possible but could have to cope with cuts of up to 40 per cent in fuel supplies to sectors considered non-essential. These would be sectors that do not produce goods exportable for hard currency.

Diplomats said they had heard reports in diplomatic circles that the Soviet Union intended to cut its oil supplies to East Germany by more than 10 per cent in 1982.

Soviet oil supplies to East Germany increased every year until 1980 when it was announced they would be frozen at 19 million tonnes for the next five years.

The supply freeze suggested at the time of Western oil company executives that a rise in oil output by the Soviet Union, the world's biggest producer, was levelling off.

The diplomatic sources had no explanation for a possible reduction in Soviet deliveries except that the Soviet Union might want to export more oil outside the socialist group of countries to earn more hard currency.

Oil is a major Soviet hard currency earner but the Russians have recently had to trim some prices in line with world trends, Western oil

sources in London said. They added that Moscow hoped that gas exports to the West would assume a bigger role in the later 1980s.

East German party leader Erich Honecker told the Communist Party Central Committee last month that the Politburo had decided as much as possible should be done to substitute domestic energy for imported oil and gas.

He said use of domestic brown coal was rising but it was important to cut oil use, while also meeting essential needs.

East Germany's economy grew by 4.2 per cent in 1980, one of the best performances in Europe, but West Germany's Institute for Economic Research forecast in January that the East Germans could face fuel problems.

Pakistan to get \$3.15m loan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (A.P.) — The International Finance Corporation (IFC), an affiliate of the World Bank, announced today that it is helping finance a plant in Pakistan that will produce a sweetener from the residues of rice milling and cut down the need for importing sugar.

The project for producing high fructose syrup will cost \$13.4 million and is due to start production in March 1983. It is expected to create 260 new jobs and replace about \$7.6 million worth of imported sugar every year.

It will be built by DDS-Kroyer of Denmark in the Hub Chowki industrial area about 24 kilometres north of Karachi.

IFC is lending \$3.15 million with interest at 16.5 to 17.5 annually for seven to 12 years. A spokesman for the IFC, Don Roessner, said other participants in the project would not permit the disclosure of the precise terms.

The bulk of the financing — \$6.25 million — will be supplied by the Pak-Libya and Habib Bank, a government body.

Seoul eager for Olympic business boom

SEOUL'S SUCCESS attracting 1988 Olympic Games is expected to give a new impetus to Korean economy. The prospective "olympic business boom" already begun, with a phenomenal rally in the stock market, could have special reasons to be doubled international confidence and reputation. Among them are:

Seoul overcame a great disadvantage as a divided country in winning the Olympic venue right;

Seoul showed itself to be a leader of a newly industrialising country en route to defeating previous Nagoya, Japan.

In other words, Korea's economic potential has played a leading role in enabling the divided country to clinch the Olympic venue right. Furthermore, Olympic venue right will probably speed the internationalisation of the Korean

economy.

The construction industry will be blessed with record-high domestic demand thanks to the 1988 Olympics. About \$2,280 million will be necessary to construct sports facilities, an athletes' village and the related facilities for the 1988 Olympics, according to an estimate by the Seoul organisers.

Furthermore, a lot of big construction projects are sure to go to local builders prior to the Olympic Games. They include the expansion of Kimpo International Airport, and the construction of subways, hotels and other social infrastructures.

The 1988 Seoul Olympics are estimated to draw 350,000-odd tourists, hinting at good days for the Korean tourism industry.

The depth and width of an Olympic business boom can be vividly read in the Japanese case. Apparently affected by the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, Japanese private facil-

ity investment registered an annual growth rate of 40.9 per cent in 1960 and 36.8 per cent in 1961.

In the Olympic period, the Japanese annual economic growth rose to 12 per cent, which economists say led to the present prosperity of the Japanese economy.

Construction

Besides the construction and tourism industries, the Olympic business boom will stimulate many other industrial sectors including electronics, communications, food processing and various services.

In fact, the 1964 Tokyo Olympics changed the Japanese industrial structure and people's living standards a great deal. The Olympic business boom increased the weight of construction and manufacturing industries, as against agriculture and fisheries, in Japan.

Japanese sales of television sets and refrigerators skyrocketed by

90 per cent and 66 per cent, respectively, in 1965 as compared with eight per cent each in 1957.

But the Olympics have not always created prosperity in their host countries. Munich, Montreal and Moscow may be called Olympic "victims," as they suffered financial losses due to their excessive investment in the Olympic Games.

Seoul's 1988 Olympic organisers are not worried about possibly excessive investment in Olympic facilities. "Seoul's population is likely to exceed a million persons. That fact means that Olympic-related facilities, except the sports complex, can be converted into the houses accommodating ever-growing population," said an official on the organising committee.

The government has insisted that a lot of Olympic-related infrastructure construction programmes are related to the nation's fifth five-year economic and social development plan (1982-1986).

But specialists' private view is that the government should make a minor change in the five-year plan effectively to prepare for the 1988 Olympic Games.

The estimated Seoul Olympic bill of \$2,280 million represented a 3.6 per cent burden on the gross national product (GNP), based on 1981 prices. This percentage means that the Olympic bill will be 40,000 won (\$58) per person.

Domestic observers opine that the burden of the Olympics is not so large, in light of Korean economic potential and capacity.

In the coming five years, the nation is expected to need about \$43 billion in foreign capital for its continuing economic development plan.

And the nation is not expected to suffer difficulties in obtaining that amount of foreign capital. Rather, the 1988 Olympic venue right is certain to facilitate the inflow of foreign capital to this Republic.

TV licence up to £46 in U.K.

LONDON, Dec. 2 (A.P.) — Britons pay more for their year's television viewing starting today.

Home Secretary William Whitelaw told the House of Commons yesterday he is raising the state licence fee, which funds television and radio services of the British Broadcasting Corp., for the nation's 18.6 million people with T.V. receivers.

Commercial television companies, whose programmes can be seen on the same receivers, get none of the tax and are funded by advertising. There is no tax on radio receivers.

The new charges are £46 (\$87.40) annually for colour receivers — up £12 (\$22.80) — and £15 (\$28.50) for black and white — up £3 (\$5.70).

Mr. Whitelaw said the new rates will run at least three years.

The change put Britain in eighth place for the cost of a colour television licence among 13 West European countries. It was next to last before the raise.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, Dec. 2 (R) — Share prices were closing mixed in quiet trading as the market awaited details of the Chancellor of Exchequer's economic statement due this afternoon, dealers said. At 1500 the F.T. index was down 2.6 at 528.2.

Industrial leaders had gains of between 2p and 3p in Imperial, ICI and Glaxo, and others such as Beecham and Guest Keen fell by similar amounts. John Brown fell a sharp 16p to 62p following a pessimistic 1981/82 earnings forecast.

Gold shares held steady after earlier moving slightly firmer where changed.

Government bonds showed net gains of ¼ point in short and long maturities in very quiet trading ahead of Howe's statement, dealers said.

Pillington Brothers fell 18p to 280p following reduced interim pretax profits, electricals had gains of 7p apiece in Thron, Plessey and GEC, Ferranti jumped 15p to 600p following interims but later eased back to the overnight 585p. Banks gained up to 5p, but insurer Phoenix eased 2p to 254p after interim results.

Elsewhere, Distillers benefitted from news of reduced Japanese import tariffs, up 7p to 185p.

JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE

JORDAN TELEVISION FOR THURSDAY

- 12:43 Pop Session
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- 14:00 News
- 14:10 Twenty 12-45 Sports Round-up
- 14:30 Now Music
- 15:00 Concert Hour
- 16:00 News Summary
- 16:43 Instrumentals
- 16:50 Old Favourites
- 17:00 Special Feature
- 17:50 Pop Session
- 18:00 News Summary
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- 18:50 World of Arabian Music
- 19:00 News Desk
- 19:30 Music
- 20:30 Evening Show
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- 21:43 Evening Show
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CHANNEL 3

- 10:00 Koran
- 10:30 Cartoons
- 11:00 Children's Programme
- 11:30 Programme on Youth
- 12:00 Programme on Arts
- 12:30 Programme Preview
- 13:00 Documentary
- 13:30 News in Arabic
- 14:00 Arabic Series
- 14:30 Varieties
- 15:00 Arabic Play
- 15:30 News in Arabic

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- 7:30 News Bulletin
- 7:40 Morning Show
- 8:00 News Summary
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- 8:30 Listeners' Choice
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- 12:30 Play Guitar
- 13:00 CHEFS
- 13:30 Science and Life
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- Habi 42281
- Al Rainbow 37249
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CULTURAL CENTRES

- American Centre 41520
- British Council 36147-8
- French Cultural Centre 37009
- Goethe Institute 41993
- Soviet Cultural Centre 46283
- Spanish Cultural Centre 24049
- Turkish Cultural Centre 39777
- Egyptian Arts Centre 67181
- Al Hussein Youth City 41793
- W.W.M.A. 64251
- Yaman Municipal Library 36111
- University of Jordan Library 84355/84366

SERVICE CLUBS

- Loos Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Grand Palace Hotel, 1.30 p.m.
- Loos Amman Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 1.30 p.m.
- Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2.00 p.m.

PRAYER TIMES FOR THURSDAY

- Fajr 4:53
- Sunrise 6:20
- Dhuhr 11:25

PHILADELPHIA ROTARY CLUB

- Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1.30 p.m.

MUSEUMS

- Military Museum: Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday to Friday. Closed on Saturdays. Tel. 64240.
- Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 51760.
- Popular Life of Jordan Museum: 100 to 150 year old items such as costumes, weapons, musical instruments, etc. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 37169.
- Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. - 4.0

SPORTS

Faisally edges towards top



AMMAN, Dec. 2 (J.T.) — Amman's goalkeeper (photo) saving an attack by Faisally's Basem Murad in a game played this afternoon at the Sports City Stadium. Amman scored only one goal, but that was

not enough to halt Faisally's drive towards the top of the Premier Division. Faisally's two goals gave them two extra points to make a total of 24 and place them second in the standings table.

Another Czech tennis star emerges

MELBOURNE, Dec. 2 (A.P.) — The emergence of yet another brilliant young Czech star today overshadowed the seeded players' victories in the \$200,000 Toyota Australian Open at Kooyong. Sixteen-year-old junior Helena Sukova stormed into the third round of the title, defeating the world's eighth-ranked player, American Barbara Potter 6-4, 6-3.

Sukova is not ranked in the first 250 on the women's computer list, but the situation should shortly change dramatically.

The tall Czech today overpowered the American with her speed, strength and exceptional reach.

She stamped her mark on the tournament in the opening round with another straight sets win, this time over American Anne Smith who is ranked number 16 in the world.

But Sukova now faces a massive test in a third round match against Czechoslovakia's defending champion Hana Mandlikova.

Although they have never played each other in a tournament outside of Czechoslovakia, they have met a number of times in national events.

Six weeks ago they faced each other in the semifinals of the Czech championships on clay and Mandlikova won in straight sets. Sukova is the daughter of 1962 Wimbledon runner-up Vera Sukva, who for some time also coached Mandlikova.

Although the centre court confrontation here will be a critical test, Sukova said she stopped getting nervous before matches six years ago and she also knows Mandlikova's game.

Against Potter she acknowledged that she had nothing to lose and went for as many shots as possible, pulling many on them off.

Of the seeded players only England's Sue Barker took more than two sets to win.

Barker defeated rising young German Eva Pfaff 6-3, 1-6, 6-2. She said later that although her form had improved this year, when she arrived in Australia she found she had not enough power and was not timing the ball well.

Barker said she found Pfaff a difficult person to play: "You never know what she's going to do. She has so much talent that she

can't make up her mind what shot she wants to play," said Barker. "And I couldn't get to the net because I wasn't getting too many first serves in and couldn't put any pressure on her."

Barker now meets pig-tailed young American Andrea Jaeger, who has an intimidating 6-1 winning record over the English girl.

But none of her victories have been on grass and Sue Barker has been visiting Australia for ten years.

In their most recent meeting in the U.S. clay court quarterfinals Jaeger beat Barker in three sets.

Bettina Bunge, the 12th seed who today defeated American Anne Kiyomura, faces Queensland's Wendy Turnbull tomorrow and has a 2-1 record against her.

American Kathy Jordan has a daunting task against Czech-born American Martina Navratilova.

Navratilova has won all of their seven encounters, including one at Wimbledon on grass.

Top seed Chris Evert-Lloyd cruised through to the quarterfinals along with the number two seed Tracy Austin and another American Pam Shriver.

Shriver and Austin will face each other on Friday for a place in the semifinals.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN
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Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠83 ♥Q872 ♦AK53 ♣1063

The bidding has proceeded: North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass

3 ♥ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

Q.2—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:

♥J1097532 ♠KQ52 ♣93

The bidding has proceeded: East South West North

Pass Pass 4 ♠ Dble

Pass ?

What action do you take?

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠QJ87543 ♥95 ♣A843

The bidding has proceeded: North East South West

1 ♥ Pass 1 ♠ 2 ♠

Dble Pass 2 ♣ Pass

2 NT 3 ♠ Pass Pass

Dble Pass ?

What action do you take?

Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠AK1073 ♥9863 ♦8 ♣AKJ

The bidding has proceeded: South West North East

1 ♠ 2 ♠ Dble 2 ♥

?

What action do you take?

Q.5—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠9 ♥85 ♦KQ1085432 ♣J6

The bidding has proceeded: South West North East

3 ♠ 3 ♥ Pass 3 ♣

Pass 4 ♠ Dble Pass ?

What action do you take?

Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as South with 60 mn score you hold:

♠AK982 ♥J76 ♦A105 ♣Q8

The bidding has proceeded: South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass

2 ♣ Pass 3 ♥ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

Pakistan searches for new test players

PORT LINCOLN, South Australia, Dec. 2 (A.P.) — The Pakistan cricket team will begin a search for new test players in the one-day match against a South Australian country eleven in this seaside town west of Adelaide Thursday.

Three young batsmen will be tested in the match for the third and final test against Australia in Melbourne, starting on December 11.

They are Mansoor Akhtar, 24, Saleem Malik, 18, and Rizwan-Uz-Zaman, 19.

All three came to Australia with very promising form and could play a role in restoring Pakistani pride after their two test defeats.

Pakistan will play three Benson and Hedges World Series Cup matches before the final test and changes to the test line-up seem likely.

U.S. leads Europe in their first tennis confrontation

BARCELONA, Dec. 2 (A.P.) — America led Europe 4-3 after the three first matches of the second day for the first three-day, eight-player tennis meeting between the two continents yesterday.

There is little doubt the match against the combined country XI is the start of the Pakistani's searching.

Assistant team manager Shafiq Rana said today: "We must treat this game seriously."

Mansoor and Rizwan-Uz-Zaman especially, will be watched closely.

Both played in the first test in Perth, but were dropped from the Brisbane match.

And Saleem, although he is yet to play a test, is regarded as one of the most exciting finds among Pakistan's young batsmen.

The tourists go into Thursday's 50 over match without captain Javed Miandad and paceman Imran Khan.

They are resting in Adelaide with three other tourists, Zaher Abbas, Sarfaraz Nawaz and Wasim Raja.

Kareem Abdul Jabbar claims record

NEW YORK, Dec. 2 (A.P.) — Kareem Abdul-Jabbar has moved within one notch of becoming the National Basketball Association's all-time leading scorer, and the Utah Jazz has come closer to carving its own niche in the record book.

Abdul-Jabbar scored 14 points last night as the Los Angeles Lakers trounced the Jazz 117-86, but it was his basket in the first quarter that earned him a standing ovation from the 11,384 fans at the forum.

The left-handed book gave him seven points for the game and 26,711 points in his career, one more than Oscar Robertson. Wilt Chamberlain is the all-time leader with 31,419.

After Abdul-Jabbar's heroics, the Jazz seemed star-struck, scoring five points in the second quarter as the Lakers took a 59-35 halftime lead. Although NBA records for longevity are incomplete, it was believed to be the second-lowest scoring performance by any team since the NBA's 24-second shot clock rule started in 1954.

The Buffalo Sabres scored four points in a quarter of a game against Milwaukee in 1972.

In other NBA games last night, it was New York 112, Detroit 110, Philadelphia 107, Atlanta 98, Indiana 90, Boston 87, San Antonio 110, Washington 99, Milwaukee 126, Cleveland 110, Kansas City 106, Houston 104, Portland 121, Denver 113, Phoenix 117, San Diego 94 and

Seattle 103, Chicago 87.

It's a relief now that it's all over (passing Robertson)," said Abdul-Jabbar. "I personally haven't put a lot of emphasis on becoming the No. 2 scorer, but it's an honour and I'm very pleased. I'm more concerned with making the Lakers No. 1 not me No. 1."

The 7-foot-2 centre said he wouldn't "stick around just to try to top Wilt's record. I'm very fortunate to have the kind of career I've had, with so many highlights. This is another."

He said he "faintly disapproves of individual statistics and stopping the game like they did tonight because basketball is a team game. However, I guess the public judges players on their statistics."

Robertson, who came on the court to congratulate Abdul-Jabbar on his record, said he "is the best shooting centre ever and a much better passer than people give him credit for. Despite his size, he's really a finesse player. You have to play a lot of games to get this kind of a record, and that gets back to Kareem's durability."

Magic Johnson led a balanced Los Angeles scoring attack with 19 points, while Jamaal Wilkes added 18 and Mitch Kupchak 17.

Julius Erving led a second-half surge as Philadelphia avenged its only loss of the season by beating Atlanta.

Erving scored 19 of his game-high 30 points in the second half, including 11 in the third quarter when the 76ers took the lead for

good and went on to improve the record to 14-1, including 1 straight victories. The only loss was to the Hawks Nov. 6.

Boston lost for only the 11th time in 16 games as Indiana Johnny Davis scored 15 of 1 game-high 21 points in the second half, including six in a row late the game.

Davis tied the game for the 14 and final time at 82-82 with the five minutes left, sank a layup give the Pacers the lead and then completed the spurt with two free throws with 2:26 left.

Phoenix won its fourth straight game and eighth in a row over San Diego as Truck Robinson scored 25 points and Kyle Macy 12.

The Clippers were still in the game entering the fourth quarter but the Suns scored 39 points: the final period to win going away.

Calvin Natu scored 30 points and led a solid Portland rebounding effort with 14 as the Blazers beat Denver.

The Trail Blazers over rebounded the Nuggets 33-13 the first half and took a 62-46 lead at intermission. Denver came back to cut the lead to two points with 9:47 left, but Myel Thompson led an 11-0 spurt w seven points as Portland pulled away. Dan Issel led Denver w 34 points.

Maurice Lucas scored season-high 28 points and pulled in 19 rebounds to lead New York over Detroit.

A basket by Lucas, who scored 12 points in the first quarter, gave the Knicks an 11-10 lead, and it never trailed after that. Another basket by the 6-9 power forward gave them their largest lead, 67-51 midway through the third quarter.

Cliff Robinson scored 24 points and Phil Ford's basket with seconds left gave Kansas City four-point lead over Houston.

The Rockets led 97-92 midway through the final period, but the Kings outscored Houston down the stretch. Moses Malone led scorers with 34 points for Houston.

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Liverpool, Arsenal to replay

LONDON, Dec. 2 (A.P.) — Liverpool's Ray Kennedy was sent off for the second time this season, but the League Cup holders clung on last night for a scoreless draw to force a fourth-round replay against his old club, Arsenal.

The former England midfield player was given his marching orders in the 38th minute at High-bury after he elbowed Arsenal's tough-tackling Peter Nicholas in the face. It was similar to the blow that brought his dismissal against Aston Villa in September.

In the second replay of a third-round League Cup match, West Bromwich finally bested West Ham 1-0 on the strength of an 85th-minute breakaway goal from Cyrille Regis. West Ham's Paul Allen and West Bromwich's Ally Bowan both were sent off and West Ham's David Cross left with a knee injury in the wild and bruising contest.

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FEATURES

Jane Fonda takes time off to assess her career

TORONTO, Dec. 2 (A.P.) — Jane Fonda says that for the next year or so she plans to be less the movie star and more the political activist.

Jane Fonda, daughter of actor Henry Fonda who plays her father in On Golden Pond, has recently become an author with the publication of Jane Fonda's Workout Book, a catalogue of women's exercises.



Radio boom in France

Stations to suit all tastes

By Stephen Weeks

PARIS — French airwaves have burst forth with a dazzling array of new radio stations, ranging from lonely-heart clubs for homosexuals to all-music stations featuring rhythm-and-blues or African tribal chants.

new music stations. A channel called Radio Tour Eiffel is run by the office of Paris Mayor Jacques Chirac, an unsuccessful presidential candidate last summer, and keeps Parisians up-to-date on city events.

music and local news coverage. It plays about 400 records a day while the traditional stations average about 80 each.

by banning advertising. Numerous pirate operators rallied to President Francois Mitterrand's campaign after he appeared on the outlaw station Radio Riposte and said: "I came to defend a true cause: that of freedom of speech."

financial disaster as the rest." The business weekly La Vie Francaise took a cynical view of the media reforms, saying, "Each new president has tried in leave his imprint on radio and television. Officially the authorities

always have the same goal: to free the airwaves by harnessing the means of communication for their own profit. Francois Mitterrand is no exception to the rule," it said.

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WORLD

Polish riot police break up sit-in

WARSAW, Dec. 2 (A.P.) — Special paramilitary police units stormed firefighters' school here today using a huge helicopter and breaking in the front door to end an eight-day-old sit-in by some 320 cadets there, witnesses said.



Part of the 1000-strong riot police who stormed the besieged Warsaw firemen's college where trainees were on strike for the eighth consecutive day. (A.P. Wirephoto)

At the same time, there were unconfirmed reports that the entire 900,000-member Warsaw region of the Solidarity union had been put on strike alert, and that the strike alert status might extend to the entire country in response to the action.

There were no immediate reports of clashes between the police, wearing helmets, carrying shields and batons, and the cadets, said to have firefighters' axes, water hoses and other equipment there.

But witnesses said many cadets, who are seeking civilian status, were being taken from the school in a bus, indicating the occupation was over. But a crowd refused to let the bus out and it turned back, the witnesses said.

Solidarity officials at the scene of the school in the northern Warsaw suburb of Zoliborz worked to control a crowd of bystanders who shouted epithets at police, witnesses said.

The Polish news agency PAP said the action began at 10 a.m. on orders of the interior minister. The agency also said that the commander of the school, Col.

Krzysztof Smolarkiewicz "was released from the building where he was held by the students."

In what appeared to be a coordinated action to prevent unionists from aiding the cadets, police blocked exit rounds from several giant factories here. Solidarity sources said. In addition, they reported telex and telephone communications to the Warsaw union headquarters were blocked.

Wednesday's police action was seen as the largest and most-coordinated of its kind since

Poland's Labour and social crisis began 15 months ago, and led to formation of the 9.5-million-member Labour federation which is unique in the Soviet bloc.

It comes on the heels of calls for tougher action by the government to stem strikes and protests. The Communist Party last week said it

4 Soviets, 1 East German held in Berlin

BERLIN, Dec. 2 (A.P.) — Four Soviets and a 41-year-old East German were apprehended in West Berlin's Grunewald forest under suspicion they spied in the West, a spokesman for West Berlin state security authorities said today.

He said the four unidentified Soviets, believed to be members of the Soviet Embassy in East Berlin, were handed over to American authorities in West Berlin on Monday, the day they were apprehended, the spokesman said.

would ask the parliament to grant the government "extraordinary" powers to deal with the crisis.

Committee clears CIA chief

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (A.P.) — The Senate Intelligence Committee has agreed that its four-month investigation had found that William Casey is not unfit to serve as director of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, but it nevertheless criticized some of his private business practices, Sen. Harrison Schmidt said.

The committee finished, but did not release, a cautiously worded report after two days of negotiations behind closed doors. One Democrat, Sen. Joseph Biden, a Delaware Democrat, said, however, he would dissent from the committee's basic conclusion about Mr. Casey's fitness to continue as CIA director.

After the committee's second two-hour closed meeting in two days Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the acting chairman, announced that the panel would issue a report on its four-month investigation. Sen. Moynihan declined to discuss the contents,

5 mercenaries face trial in S. Africa, others freed

PRETORIA, South Africa, Dec. 2 (A.P.) — Former Congo mercenary leader Col. Michael "Mad Mike" Hoare and four others involved in a failed coup attempt in the Seychelles were charged with kidnapping today and immediately released on bail.

Thirty-nine other men allegedly involved in the aborted coup in the Seychelles Islands and the hijacking last week of an Air-India passenger jet were freed without charges.

Mr. Hoare was released by Magistrate Cornucius van Loggenberg on bail of 10,000 rand (\$10,500), while the other four posted 5,000 rand (\$5,250) bail each.

In New York, meanwhile, former Seychelles president James Mancham recorded a message which would have been used if an attempted coup by white mercenaries last week had succeeded, the New York Times reported today.

It quoted Mr. Mancham as saying here that he made the tape for some dissident Seychellois at his London home in September but that he knew nothing about how the coup was to be carried out.

Seychelles President Albert Rene said yesterday that Mr. Mancham was involved in the coup attempt. He said the evidence came from two reels of badly-burned tape discovered after a gunbattle with the mercenaries last Wednesday.

Mr. Mancham, ousted in a 1977 Marxist coup which brought President Rene to power, would not tell the Times who asked him to make the tape. But he said: "I knew they were serious people. I trusted these people."

And in New Delhi a member of the flight crew of the Air-India jetliner that was hijacked to South Africa last Thursday was quoted Wednesday as saying reports that linked pilot U.C. Saxena to the hijackers are "rubbish."

Calvo Sotelo reshuffles posts in bid to heal party squabbles

MADRID, Dec. 2 (R) — Spanish Prime Minister Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo has reshuffled his government to try to patch up international quarrels within the ruling Centrist Party.

The prime minister, who took over leadership of the Union of the Democratic Centre earlier this month, appointed two deputy prime ministers, brought in six new ministers and replaced two ministers who were given top party jobs.

Rodolfo Martin Villa, first deputy prime minister, is regarded as a right-winger while Juan Antonio Garcia Diez, second deputy prime minister in charge of economy and commerce, is a Social Democrat.

Culture Minister Soledad Becerril, a 36-year-old teacher from Seville, told reporters she was overwhelmed at becoming Spain's first woman minister since the 1936-39 Civil War.

Afghans strafe Pakistani village; 5 dead, 3 hurt

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 2 (A.P.) — Five people were killed and three wounded this morning when two Afghan helicopter gunships crossed the Pakistani border and strafed moving buses and villagers on the ground in the southwestern province of Baluchistan, the foreign ministry said.

It was the worst reported border violation since the Dec. 27, 1979, Soviet military intervention in neighboring Afghanistan. Two people, including an Afghan refugee woman, were killed in two consecutive incidents last month.

A strong protest was lodged with Afghan charge d'affaires Rafik Shamreiz who was summoned to the foreign ministry this afternoon, a senior Pakistani official said.

The Afghan envoy was "warned that Pakistan would be justified in taking appropriate counter-measures in exercise of its right of self-defence and that repetition of such violations and wanton attacks would have grave consequences, the responsibility of which will rest entirely with the Kabul authorities," he said.

A ministry statement said the two Afghan gunships crossed the border at 9:15 local time (0415 GMT) today and raked the village of Amucha with machine gun fire, killing one civilian and injuring two others, including a woman. Amucha is located near the Afghan border in Baluchistan, about 160 kilometres north of Quetta, the provincial capital.

Afterward, the gunships strafed and rocketed the Inam Bostan

Restoration reveals mistakes made by retouchers in Leonardo painting

MILAN, Dec. 2 (A.P.) — For the first time in centuries, "The Last Supper" can now be seen as Leonardo da Vinci painted the masterpiece 483 years ago.

Partial restoration of the fresco in the refectory of Milan's Santa Maria delle Grazie Church has removed the dust of the years and revealed the errors made by previous retouchers on the delicate work of art.

Carlo Bertelli, fine arts superintendent for the Lombardy region, announced the discoveries in advance of a visit to the church by Italian President Sandro Pertini next Monday.

A team of restorers has been working on the right side of the fresco for months and found details that had been covered up or altered.

What looked, for instance, like dark windows behind the figures of Jesus and the twelve Apostles

turned out to be a finely detailed tapestry.

Slices of orange, unnoticeable for centuries, surfaced in the painter plates on the last supper table as well as a golden thread around the rims of glasses.

The beard of Simon, the last Apostle seated on time right side of the table, was much shorter, in the original. It had grown through careless retouching, particularly in the 18th century, according to art experts and Mr. Bertelli.

Mr. Bertelli said that an inspection with sophisticated equipment has revealed alterations in other parts of the fresco.

"The eyes of some Apostles were different in the original drawing by Leonardo and certainly many other surprises can be expected as restoration goes on," the superintendent said in a telephone interview.

Mr. Bertelli said the restoration

work, including elimination of a fungus eating away at the colours in egg tempera, will be completed in three years.

"By then visitors will see the original and resplendent version of Leonardo work," Mr. Bertelli said.

Major restoration began earlier this year when the government and private institutions made funds available following repeated warnings by art experts that the fresco was fading and cracking.

Authorities also have installed equipment for monitoring the stability of the wall, which withstood a World War II bombing raid but on which some cracks appeared in recent years.

Mr. Bertelli warned, however, that the fresco still is threatened by smog and pollution as well as by vibrations from passing motor vehicles.

Honduran poll winners share U.S. views

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Dec. 2 (R) — A peaceful general election ending almost a decade of military rule has raised hopes that Honduras can steer clear of the political violence sweeping Central America.

The centrist Liberal Party, led by Roberto Suazo Cordova, won Sunday's poll comfortably. Near complete results give it 54 per cent of the vote against the right-wing National Party's 43 per cent.

The formal transition to civilian rule will be completed on Jan. 27 when Dr. Suazo begins his four year term as president, taking over from Gen. Policarpo Paz Arcia.

Diplomats, visiting observer delegations and local politicians all agreed that a peaceful and free election was vital for the future of democracy in this turbulent region.

Honduras, which has about 1.5 million registered voters, is wedged between three neighbours that have suffered violent upheavals in recent years — El Salvador, Guatemala, and Nicaragua.

The United States supports the governments of El Salvador and Guatemala in their struggle against powerful leftist guerrilla insurgencies.

But it is at odds with Nicaragua's Sandinist rulers, who came out on top in a recent bloody civil war, accusing them of spreading Cuban-inspired revolution throughout the region.

Washington sees in Honduras the chance to hold up a democratic model for Central America and it was partly through U.S. pressure that the military decided to hand over control to the politicians.

Official sources said the United States, which has granted Honduras about \$50 million in aid this year, helped persuade the army that democracy was the country's best guarantee of avoiding future civil strife.

The question now being asked by diplomats here is how free a hand the new government will be allowed in its efforts to solve the country's chronic economic and social problems.

Honduran history is littered with military coups and the army's constant fears about encroaching Communism will ensure that a close watch is kept on the Liberals' planned agrarian and labour reforms.

Both the major parties are firmly pro-U.S. and the Liberals were at pains to reject the nationalist charges of Communist influence in the

party as campaign mud-slinging.

The Liberals, though made up of different factions, could not be described as leftists and there are in fact few policy differences between the two parties.

"I will set up a government of national conciliation and integration," Dr. Suazo said.

Military men are expected to hold a few cabinet posts. The president-elect's view of regional conflicts closely mirrors those of Washington.

"If El Salvador falls into the hands of Communism, Guatemala will follow and then Honduras," he said last week, stressing the need for Honduras to maintain its close ties with the likes of the United States, Mexico and Venezuela.

The problems facing the new government are grave though perhaps not on the same scale as those of neighbouring countries. Honduras, the poorest country in Central America, has a per capita annual income of less than \$600 and the economy is bogged down by low world coffee prices and increasing cost of imported oil.

But there is a widespread feeling here that the contrast between wealth and poverty are less marked than elsewhere.

"In addition, the military when in power has never been blood-thirsty and resentment rather than popular hatred of the army has resulted," leading Liberal Ramon Villeda Bermudez said.

The Hondurans' claim that their country is different is also supported by the official tolerance of the Communist Party — though it was banned from the election — and a vigorous free press that does not hesitate to attack the establishment.

The army's acceptance of the defeat of National Party leader Ricardo Zuniga, who served in many military governments, was also seen as a hopeful pointer for the future.

But the danger of guerrilla violence was illustrated by a gunbattle last Friday between police and about a dozen leftists in the capital in which two suspected guerrillas and a policeman were killed.

Police said the suspects, believed to be mainly foreigners, had been planning to disrupt the election.

The Liberals look certain to have an absolute majority in congress, which has 78 directly elected seats and another handful allocated through a complex system of proportional representation.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Canada won't prosecute war criminals

OTTAWA, Dec. 2 (A.P.) — Alleged war criminals living in Canada won't face prosecution here but may be extradited, Justice Minister Jean Chretien has said. But he told the common justice committee that "If there is an individual in Canada who has committed a crime we'd be delighted to oblige an extradition request."

Schmidt to meet East German leader

BONN, Dec. 2 (R) — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt will visit East German leader Erich Honecker next week for the first top-level meeting between the two states on German soil in 11 years, chief government spokesman Kurt Becker said today. Mr. Schmidt will visit East Germany from December 11 to 13, Mr. Becker said.

Ripper victim awarded damages

LEEDS, England, Dec. 2 (A.P.) — A victim who survived an attack by the killer dubbed the "Yorkshire Ripper" was awarded preliminary damages of £3,000 by Britain's Criminal Injuries Compensation Board yesterday pending medical tests to determine the full extent of her injuries. Marcella Claxton, 25, had appealed a refusal of her application in 1978 on the grounds she had "clearly misled the police and provoked the attack."

Planned Estonian strike said to be flop

TALLINN, Soviet Estonia, Dec. 2 (R) — Factories and public transport in the Estonian capital of Tallinn appeared to be working normally yesterday and there was no unusual activity to back Western reports of a planned protest strike. According to Estonian emigre groups in Sweden, thousands of workers were expected to down tools for 30 minutes in the morning in a general protest against Soviet rule.

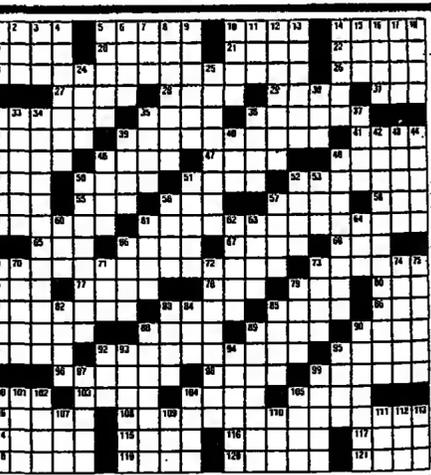
W. Berlin suspends anti-immigration law

WEST BERLIN, Dec. 2 (R) — West Berlin's city parliament has suspended a controversial decree that could force several thousand young foreigners to leave the city. A decree from Internal Affairs Sen. Heinrich Lummer published on Nov. 20 would force foreigners over the age of 18 who came here as dependants of foreign parents to leave West Berlin unless they have a job or are engaged in study and have been residents for five years. It would also prevent children over the age of 16 joining foreign parents working here. Today's decision will suspend the decree until it has been fully discussed by deputies. Some 10 per cent of West Berlin's 2.2 million population are foreigners, half of them Turks, and the conservative Christian Democrat Senate of Mayor Richard von Weizsaecker is worried lest the city lose its German identity.

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